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Drs. Sherrill Adams and Michel van der Rest
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Dear Drs. Adams and van der Rest:

I have been given your letter of April 29th requesting partial support for the Gordon Research Conference on Collagen to be held this summer. From your enclosed description, the meeting will be both exciting and important; exactly the type of conference we take pride in supporting. Unfortunately, the Board of Directors of the Gordon Conferences voted last year not to accept any contributions from the Council for Tobacco Research ". . . or any other organizations which are primarily and directly involved in the sale and production of tobacco."

While CTR of course is not involved in tobacco sales or production, it is no secret that the nearly $20 million we spend annually in support of basic biomedical research is ultimately derived from companies that sell tobacco among other products. Over the many years that CTR has helped to support numerous Gordon Conferences, we have never failed to be impressed with the outstanding quality of these meetings and we have been especially gratified that our own grantees are often organizers or keynote speakers there. I am confident your sessions will be equally successful.

If the Board of Directors relaxes their policy in the future, we would be delighted to consider another request. Also do keep us in mind if you are organizing a similar conference under other auspices.

Sincerely,

Harmon McAllister

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